

Governor's Forest Health Council
Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –
Governor's Forest Health Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

October 14, 2010 9am – 1pm
County supervisors Association Building
1905 West Washington Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Minutes (Draft)

1) Call to Order ~ 9:10a.m. Co-Chair, Molly Pitts

Members Present:

Co-Chair Ethan Aumack, Co-Chair Molly Pitts, Larry Stephenson for Mark Herrington, Tom Klabunde, Diane Vosick for Wally Covington, Scott Hunt, Sandy Bahr for Rob Smith, and Ron Williams.

Members via Tele-Conference

Todd Schulke

Members Absent:

Don Berry, Brenda Burman, Steve Gatewood, Rob Davis, Don Falk, Kevin Kinsall, John Metzger, Michael Neal, Mayor Sara Presler, Steve Rosenstock, Darrell Willis

Public:

Glen Buettner, Pascal Berlioux (AZFRP), Marcus Selig, Matt Williams, Vanessa Hickman, Stephen Williams, Stephanie Washington (ADOC Staff)

2) Approval of the Minutes from the September FHC Meeting ~ Approved

- Minutes approved with a correction- - minutes should read: Western Competitive Grants – Biomass position – currently with ADOA for approval.
- Ron Williams moved for approval, Larry Stephenson, seconded.

3) Summary of Council business since last FHC meeting ~ Ethan Aumack or Molly Pitts

- Not much activity except preparing for Octobers meeting.

4) Presentation of the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program ~ Walter Dunn

- Presentation from Walter Dunn on the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program in the State of New Mexico
- Created for sustainable forests and sustainable communities
- Allocated \$5,000,000 annually and have funded 318 projects since 2001.

5) WGA ~ Large Scale Treatment Working group ~ Todd Schulke & Ethan Aumack

- FHAC works as an advisory committee for the WGA.
- WGA organized a workshop last month and developed a list of 12 policy recommendations.
- The drafting committee is sending these recommendations to the WGA however it is still going through the draft process. Formal ratification will occur in December.

6) Cross walking the Statewide Strategy, the Statewide Assessment, and economic/utilization recommendations forthcoming for the Four Forest Restorations Initiative ~ Molly Pitts, Ethan Aumack

- Meant to help us identify priorities/strategies.
- Executive order is 3rd column of handout and is a priority for this group.
- 4FRI recommendations are not on this document.
- This meeting is an introduction and the next meeting will be a working meeting with completion in January.
- We need to develop a scope of work for the Council's priorities for 2011.
 - Suggestions:
 - Pick top 4 priorities
 - Take off items that state legislature "shall" fund
 - Create a work plan for those priorities chosen
 - These recommendations will be presented to the Governor per the Executive Order
- Ethan suggests we go through the Executive order and give an update as to what has already been accomplished. Bring descriptions to the next meeting.

7) State Land Access Fee ~ Vanessa Hickman, Deputy State Lands Commissioner & Stephen Williams

- Vanessa Hickman and Stephen Williams from State Lands to answer questions that arose at the last meeting concerning new/increased access fees.
- State Land is considering an access fee for rights of entry and rental usage.
- This is to make it so the fees quoted are more consistent across the agency.
- They should have a more definite process by the end of calendar year 2010 and they are happy to come back to FHC meeting in January to discuss changes and recommendations.
- Members from the council are welcome to discuss these changes. Molly Pitts is coordinating that effort.

8) 4FRI update ~ 4FRI participants

- Ethan ~ everyone is working hard and working toward the NEPA process in December.
- Diane ~ handed out the Economic and Utilization policy.

9) Forest Restoration partnership Group ~ Molly Pitts

- Formed to address additional funding for White Mountain Stewardship Contract.
- Only two meetings have been held so far and brainstorming continues in the research stage.
- Ask communities to talk with their councils to also brainstorm. No one wants to increase fees/taxes in these economic times but additional resources are needed.
- Next meeting scheduled October 26, 2010 in Showlow.

10) Call to the Public

- No Comments

11) Meeting Schedule and Locations

- Phoenix CSA is closed for the November 10th meeting. Stephanie to work with Krista in securing a different location.
- December ~ no meeting

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

12) Adjournment 11:45a.m.

Dated this September 28th, 2010

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<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>

CO-CHAIRS

Ethan Aumack – Grand Canyon Trust

Molly Pitts – Northern Arizona Wood Products Association